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SUBJECT: ATTACKS ON TWO ISRAELI BUSES AND A POV

1. IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS APRIL 14-16, TWO ISRAELI BUSES
AND A PRIVATE CAR WERE ATTACKED BY PALESTINIAN
RESISTANCE GROUPS ON THE WEST BANK.

2. AN EGGED BUS, CARRYING IDF RECRUITS, WAS HIT AT 1100
APRIL 16 BY A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL NEAR THE KALANDIA REFUGEE
CAMP JUST NORTH OF JERUSALEM. FOUR SOLDIERS WERE INJURED,
TWO OF WHOM WERE RELEASED AFTER TREATMENT FOR SHOCK AT THE
HADASSAH HOSPITAL ON MOUNT SCOPUS. CONGEN OFFICERS PASSING
THROUGHT THE AREA SOON AFTER THE INCIDENT OBSERVED ISRAELI
REINFORCMENTS WHO IMPOSED A TEMPORARY CURFEW
IN THE AREA AND DETAINED 20 SUSPECTS, HALF OF WHOM WERE LATER
RELEASED, ACCORDING TO THE "JERUSALEM POST."

3. THE SECOND BUS WAS STOPPED IN THE VICINITY OF SALFIT
EARLY APRIL 16 BY ARMED MEN. ACCORDING TO "AL FAJR",
ITS ARAB DRIVER WAS WARNED NOT TO TRASNPORT WORKERS FROM
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THE WEST BANK TO ISRAEL, THEN RELEASED. THE BUS WAS BURNED.
ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES REPORTEDLY IMPOSED CURFEWS IN
SEVERAL NEARBY VILLAGES IN PURSUING THEIR INVESTIGATION.

4. ARABIC PRESS ALSO REPORTS AN ATTEMPT APRIL 14 TO BURN
A CAR PARKED IN THE ISRAELI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH
HILL.

5. COMMENT: MOLOTOV COCKTAIL IS SECOND AT KALANDIA,
EGGED BUS HOLD-UP IS SECOND IN NABI SALIH-SALFIT DISTRICTS
AND ATTEMPTED ARSON IS SIXTH IN FRENCH HILL--ALL
WITHIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. SO FAR, ISRAELIS HAVE ANNOUNCED
NO ARRESTS.
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